Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.   (Original) A method for web-based claim processing, comprising:

identifying at least one audit claim, wherein the at least one audit claim comprises at least one of a claim type, a claim amount, and a claim date;

electronically associating the at least one audit claim to one or more documents associated with the at least one audit claim; and

storing the at least one audit claim and the one or more associated documents; and

making the at least one audit claim and the one or more associated documents available for review electronically.

2.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising providing secure access to the at least one audit claim and the one or more associated documents via an Internet browser.

3.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2, further comprising delivering notice to a claimant of the accessibility of the at least one audit claim and the one or more associated documents.

4.   (Original) The method of claim 2, further comprising receiving from a claimant one or more of approval, comment and modification relating to the at least one audit claim.

5.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2, further comprising delivering notice to a vendor of the accessibility of the at least one audit claim and the one or more associated documents.

6.   (Original) The method of claim 2, further comprising receiving from a vendor one or more of approval, comment and modification relating to the at least one audit claim.

7.   (Original) The method of claim 2, further comprising receiving from a vendor a document relating to the at least one audit claim.

8.   (Original) A method for web-based claim processing, comprising:

obtaining electronic versions of documents relating to an audit;

identifying at least one audit claim based at least in part on the documents, wherein the at least one audit claim comprises at least one of a claim type, a claim amount, and a claim date;

generating an electronic record of the at least one audit claim;

electronically associating the electronic record for the at least one audit claim to one or more of the documents; ~~and~~

storing the electronic record and the associated one or more documents; and

making the at least one audit claim and the one or more associated documents available for review remotely over a network.

9.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8, further comprising providing secure access to the at least one audit claim and the one or more associated documents via an Internet browser.

10.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8, further comprising delivering notice to a claimant of the accessibility of the at least one audit claim and the one or more associated documents.

11.   (Original) The method of claim 8, further comprising receiving from a claimant one or more of approval, comment and modification relating to the at least one audit claim.

12.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8, further comprising delivering notice to a vendor of the accessibility of the at least one audit claim and the one or more associated documents.

13.   (Original) The method of claim 8, further comprising receiving from a vendor one or more of approval, comment and modification relating to the at least one audit claim.

14.   (Original) The method of claim 8, further comprising receiving from a vendor a document relating to the at least one audit claim.

15.   (Currently Amended) A computer-based system for web-based claim processing in an audit, comprising:

    a database of electronic documents associated with the audit;

    a claim manager that receives and processes an audit claim associated with one or more of the electronic documents, wherein the audit claim comprises at least one of a claim type, a claim amount, and a claim date;

    an e-mail server that generates a message notifying the accessibility of the audit claim and one or more of the documents via an Internet browser; and

    wherein the claim manager generates web pages presenting the audit claim and associated documents for review and processes inputs received through the webpage interfaces.

16.   (Original) The system of claim 15, wherein the e-mail server sends the message to a claimant.

17.   (Original) The system of Claim 15, wherein the e-mail server sends the message to a vendor.

18.   (Original) The system of claim 15, wherein the ~~web server~~ <u>claim manager</u> is configured to receive at least one of approval, comment, document and modification associated with the audit from one of a claimant and vendor.

19.   (Original) The system of claim 18, wherein a confidentiality level is associated with the one of approval, comment, document and modification.

20.   (Original) The system of claim 18, further comprising a viewer associated with the claim manager for presenting the associated documents to remote viewers.